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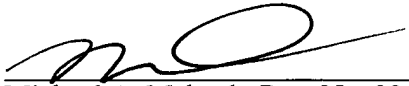
Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, Applicants are enclosing an Information Disclosure Citation Form (PTO-1449) which lists the references cited in the attached Supplementary European Search Report issued on October 17, 2008 for EP Application No. 05 72 7144.

Applicants certify under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e)(1) that all documents submitted herewith were cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application no more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement.

It is respectfully requested that the cited documents be considered by the Examiner in the above-identified patent application and that the cited documents be made officially of record therein. It is further requested that a listing of the same appear on the face of any patent which may issue from this application.

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